

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1367 - SB 1389

March 17, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that all emergency management personnel are considered first responders from emergency management with all the rights, benefits, privileges and protections available to them pursuant to state and local laws. Defines “first responders from emergency management” as emergency management personnel who, as first responders, either go directly to the scene of an emergency or directly support the emergency logistically and may go to and from the disaster or emergency area. This includes law enforcement personnel, firefighters, emergency or ambulatory services, U.S. Military, and U.S. Coast Guard personnel, local emergency management agency members, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) personnel, and volunteers who are assigned emergency management duties.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This legislation grants all emergency management personnel, including “volunteers who are assigned emergency management duties,” the rights, benefits, privileges and protections available pursuant to state and local laws.
- TEMA currently works through Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) and Volunteer Tennessee who are responsible for tasking volunteer personnel and resources in coordination with local officials and local jurisdictions.
- Based on an evaluation of the bill by TEMA, this bill does not create any new direct financial benefit to anyone designated as a first responder from emergency management by this legislation.
- This legislation will have no significant impact on state government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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